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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 1 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 1 is attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

Respectfully submitted,

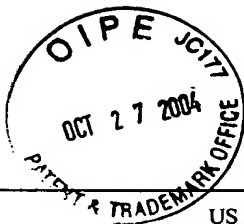
  
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